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STATE SENATOR PEACOCK REPRESENTS LOUISIANA AT NATIONAL "EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM"

District 37 State Senator Barrow Peacock (R-Shreveport-Bossier City) joined legislators from across the country to participate in the 2013 Emerging Leaders Program at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville from July 8 through July 11. The national program, sponsored by the non-profit, non-partisan State Legislative Leaders Foundation (SLLF) and the University of Virginia Darden School of Business, is designed to enhance the leadership potential and vision of policymakers judged to be potential future state leaders. Senate President John Alario nominated Sen. Peacock for the leadership conference.

"It was a very worthwhile conference, allowing 68 fairly recently elected legislators from across the country to exchange ideas and collaborate on how we can improve each of our states," said Sen. Peacock. "A lot of the concerns we deal with in Louisiana are the same in other states. These include education, economic development and development of infrastructure. Being a relatively small group, we were able to interact on these issues and others. Also, now I know someone to call in South Dakota and New York who've faced similar situations."

To participate in the program, legislators must have recently begun their public service in the legislature and must be nominated by their peers. One of the primary criteria for selection is the legislator's commitment to public service. The State Legislative Leaders Foundation provides scholarships to state legislators chosen for the leadership program that cover the cost of participation.



Senator Barrow Peacock and legislators from across the nation gathered at the University of Virginia Darden School of Business to participate in the 2013 Emerging Leaders Program. Pictured from left to right are:

- 1st Row Rocky Chavez, CA; Brad Wilson, UT; Mark Updegrove, Rob Krupicka, VA; Kate Bolz, NE; Justin Moed, IN; Victor Ramirez, MD; Donna Oberlander, PA; Cathleen Vitale, MD; Karen MacBeth, RI; Kevin Matthews, OK; Beth Thibodaux; Stefanie Mach, AZ; Shelly Hughes, AK
- **2**nd **Row** Kimberly Williams, DE; Papalinka Paradise; Janice Govoni; Dave Thompson, MN; Scott Louser, ND; Tom Foulkes; Andres Ayala, CT; Nicole Kendell; Brice Wiggins, MS; Amy Sinclair, IA; Angie Stoner; Molly Slingerland; Sara Beth Gregory, KY; Marjorie Porter, NH; Lyndsay O'Herrick
- 3rd Row Michael Montesano, NY; Kelly Burke, IL; Tomas Salazar, NM; Eddie Armstrong, AR; Steve Doyle, WI; Joe Jett, AR; Donovan Dela Cruz, HI; Mike Dugan, GA; BettyLou DeCroce, NJ; Donald Schaible, ND; Kathleen O'Connor Ives, MA; Matt Beaton, MA; Michelle Fay, VT
- 4th Row Cameron Sexton, TN; Bertram Johnson, MI; Steve Fitzpatrick, MT; Frank LaRose, OH; Sean O'Brien, OH; Greg Treat, OK; Mary Czaja, WI; BJ Pak, GA; Ray Walter, NY; Scott Parsley, SD; Susan Talamantes Eggman, CA; Thomas McElveen, SC
- 5Th Row Gary Blalack; Bryan Townsend, DE; Todd Lakey, ID; Steve Bergquist, WA; Walter Leger, LA; Jacob McConnico; Mike Cunningham, MO; Sharon Negele, IN; Barrow Peacock, LA; Thom Little, Gloria Johnson, TN